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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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The present application is a CIP of (i) application Serial No. 08/672,378 and (ii) application Serial No. 08/967,136.

Submitted herewith are the following:

(1) A copy of each of a Communication of a Notice of Opposition dated May 14, 2002 and a Notice of Opposition to a European Patent filed by Alcan International Limited in the European application (EP 0841406) corresponding to applicants' U.S. parent application Serial No. 08/967,136;

(2) Forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B. It is requested that an initialed copy of each of said Forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B be returned to indicate that the publications listed therein have been considered and made of record; and

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(3) Copies of the publications cited in said Forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B. Each of the cited publications is considered relevant or material to the patentability of the present invention in view of the citation thereof in said Notice of Opposition.

Said Notice of Opposition is in English, thereby satisfying the requirements for a concise explanation of relevance.

A copy of each of EP 719606 and EP 392998 are not provided, since copies of EP 719606 and EP 392998 were provided in applicants' INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT filed January 24, 2000.

It is respectfully requested that the attached publications be considered and made of record.

Respectfully submitted,



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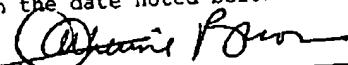
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Attached hereto are copies of our original REQUEST FOR REFUND, dated August 5, 2003, and our October 2002 Monthly Statement of Deposit Account 06-1378. To date, we have not received a refund nor any further communication with regard thereto.

It is respectfully requested that the Patent Office promptly credit the \$180 fee, charged in error on October 24, 2002 (Control No. 1, Fee Code 1806), for an Information Disclosure Statement. It has been three years since the Office of Finance reviewed this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attached hereto is a highlighted copy of our October 2002 Monthly Statement of Deposit Account 06-1378. The \$180 fee, charged on October 24, 2002 (Control No. 1, Fee Code 1806) for submission of an INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT is respectfully submitted to be in error for the following reason.

An Information Disclosure Statement was filed on October 7, 2002 which was before the first Office Action on the merits dated June 4, 2003 (37 CFR 1.97(b)(3)). The Restriction Requirement, mailed December 4, 2001 was not an Office Action on the merits.

No fee is required for submission of an Information Disclosure Statement before the first Office Action on the merits (see 37 CFR 1.97 (b)(3)).

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the Patent Office credit the \$180, charged in error, on October 24, 2002 to the undersigned's Deposit Account 06-1378.

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